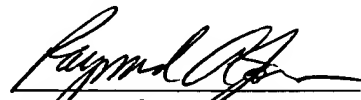


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : RAYMOND A. JOAO  
PATENT NO. : 7,305,347  
ISSUED : DECEMBER 4, 2007  
SERIAL NO. : 09/391,335  
FILED : SEPTEMBER 7, 1999  
FOR : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING EMPLOYEE  
BENEFITS AND/OR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS  
INFORMATION  
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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF OFFICE MISTAKE  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.322

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Office mistake, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.322, for the above-identified U.S. Patent No. 7,305,347.

Applicant respectfully submits that issued Claim 1 contains an error which resulted from Office mistake and that issued Claim 118 contains two errors which resulted from Office mistake.

Issued Claim 1 corresponds to pending Claim 544. Pending Claim 544 is contained in Applicant's Amendment, filed August 13, 2007, at pages 3-6. Applicant respectfully submits that the occurrence of "a" before "the first process-", at line 24 of issued Claim 1, which corresponds to Col. 36, line 59 of U.S. Patent No. 7,305,347, was inadvertently inserted by the Office into the text of issued Claim 1. See, Applicant's Amendment, filed August 13, 2007, page 4, line 15. Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified error, the inadvertent insertion of "a" before "the first process-" at line 24 of issued Claim 1 (Col. 36, line 59 of U.S. Patent No. 7,305,347) was the result of Office mistake.

Issued Claim 118 corresponds to pending Claim 660. Pending Claim 660 is contained in Applicant's Amendment, filed August 13, 2007, at pages 52-56. Applicant respectfully

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submits that the occurrence of "a" before "the first", at line 24 of issued Claim 118, which corresponds to Col. 55, line 41 of U.S. Patent No. 7,305,347, was inadvertently inserted by the Office into the text of issued Claim 118. See, Applicant's Amendment, filed August 13, 2007, page 53, line 2. Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified error, the inadvertent insertion of "a" before "the first", at line 24 of issued Claim 118 (Col. 55, line 41 of U.S. Patent No. 7,305,347) was the result of Office mistake.

With regard to issued Claim 118, Applicant further respectfully submits that the Office inadvertently omitted the ", " (comma) after "information", from the text of issued Claim 118 at line 27 of issued Claim 118, which corresponds to Col. 55, line 44 of U.S. Patent No. 7,305,347. See, Applicant's Amendment, filed August 13, 2007, page 53, lines 4-5. Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified error, the inadvertent omission of the ", " (comma) after "information", at line 27 of issued Claim 118 (Col. 55, line 44 of U.S. Patent No. 7,305,347) was the result of Office mistake.

Applicant respectfully requests correction of the above Office mistakes in each of issued Claims 1 and 118.

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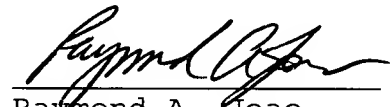
Applicant submits herewith a Form PTO/SB/44 (Form PTO 1050) with Applicant's proposed correction for issued Claim 1 and with Applicant's proposed corrections for issued Claim 118. Applicant respectfully proposes that the above-identified mistake in issued Claim 1 be corrected by correcting Col. 36, line 59 (issued Claim 1 at line 24) by deleting "a" before "the first process-". Applicant respectfully proposes that the above-identified mistake regarding the inadvertent insertion of "a" before "the first" in issued Claim 118 be corrected by correcting Col. 55, line 41 (issued Claim 118 at line 24) by deleting "a" before "the first". Applicant respectfully proposes that the above-identified mistake regarding the inadvertent omission of the "," (comma) in issued Claim 118 be corrected by correcting Col. 55, line 44 (issued Claim 118 at line 27) by inserting "," (comma) after "information".

Applicant hereby authorizes and respectfully requests the Office of Patent Publications to prepare any necessary document(s) for, and to issue a Certificate of Correction for, U.S. Patent No. 7,305,347 which corrects the above-identified mistakes.

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued for the above-identified U.S. Patent No. 7,305,347 to correct the above-identified Office mistake in issued Claim 1 and the above-identified Office mistakes in issued Claim 118.

No fee is due with this Request For Certificate of Correction as the mistakes to be corrected were incurred through the fault of the Office and the mistakes are clearly disclosed in the records of the Office.

Respectfully Submitted,



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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Col. 36, line 59, delete "a" before "the first process-".

Col. 55, line 41, delete "a" before "the first".

Col. 55, line 44, insert ", " after "information".

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